

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **DeWitt, Jr. et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2192**  
Serial No.: **10/757,197** § Examiner: **Dao, Thuy Chan**  
Filed: **January 14, 2004** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030556US1**  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Optimizing** §  
**Code Execution Using Annotated Trace**  
**information Having Performance Indicator**  
**and Counter Information**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

A fee of \$790.00 is required for filing a Request for Continued Examination. I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Preliminary to the continued examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.